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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY MAY 8-10, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for May 8-10, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

#### POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

Cukurova Hurriyet / Adana Mayor Aytac Durak was elected as a board member of the World United Cities' and Local Governments' Association.

Evrensel / In Van, Deniz Parlak was reportedly killed by Iranian soldiers while trying to bring illegal diesel from the Iranian Border Gate into Turkey.

Evrensel, Turkiye / In Nusaybin, Mardin, during a clash between Turkish soldiers and the People's Defense Force, one member of the People's Defense Force died.

Milli Gazete / In Lice, Diyarbakir province, two Turkish soldiers died due to the landmines buried on the road by the PKK/KONGRA-GEL members.

Ulkede Ozgur Gundem / Diyarbakir's ART TV was banned from broadcasting for a month for broadcasting in Kurdish.

#### ECONOMIC

Bolge / Adana Chamber of Commerce Head Saban Bas offered to establish partnership with the Adana Chamber of Industry headed by Umit Ozgumus. "Let's join in under one name," stated Bas.

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